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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 15, 2005, Applicant hereby requests entry of the following election.

Election

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-21, 23, 28-33, 44, 46-58, 64-66, 71-74, 77-81, 84, 85, 89, 90, 95, 96 and 98), drawn to a composition comprising an immunostimulatory sequence and a microbial antigen, and a method of administering said composition, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, with traverse. Applicant notes that claim 1 is the linking claim for Groups I-III and that upon allowance of claim 1, the restriction between Groups I-III shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of claim 1 will be entitled to examination in the instant application.

Applicant further makes the following species elections:

- (a) a microbial antigen species that is a viral antigen; and
- (b) a viral antigen species that is a Hepatitis B viral antigen.